

Docket No. 80398.P400

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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L. Michael Maritzen)
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Application No. 09/733,750)
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Filed: December 8, 2000)
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For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
MERCHANT-TO-MERCHANT)
REFERRALS AND ITEM BROKERING)

Examiner: Kramer, James A.
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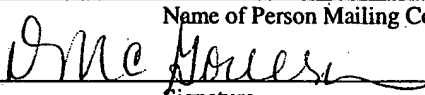
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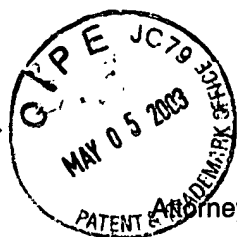
In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

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Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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X A check in the amount of \$ 54.00 is attached for presentation of additional claim(s).

 Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

 A check for \$ is attached for processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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